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CENTENNIAL GAINS MOMENTUM

The Montana Centennial float will be available to communities of Montana for use in sanctioned parades on a first-come, first-served basis. If your community would like the float for a parade, please call, 444-1989 as soon as possible to reserve your date.

Dates already taken are: May 6, May 20, June 3, June 24, July 1, July 4, July 8, July 15, July 22, August 26, September 9, September 16, and September 23.



The Montana Centennial float under construction by Bob Peterson of Brady. The float will be completed by mid-May, and will be available for sanctioned Centennial parades in Montana.

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Let there be no doubt about it, the momentum of the Montana Centennial is accelerating at a tremendous rate. Perhaps this is best shown by the fact that at their last meeting, April 7, the Montana Statehood Centennial Commission granted 160 sanctions, and there are many more waiting for the next Commission meeting on June 9.

The total number of applications for sanctions has reached 907. It is confidently predicted the total will reach over a thousand. Of the sanctions received, 240 are for products, and 653 are for events, projects or activities. The people of Montana are responding to the Centennial in a manner that has surpassed all expectations.

It was also announced at the Commission meeting that Montana Rail Link is planning to assemble a Centennial Train, complete with vintage equipment, that will travel to several towns throughout the state.

Sanctioning director, Brian Patrick, reported a flurry of last minute applications just before the product application deadline April 15, including one for "organic Centennial chickens."

The Centennial Commission passed a resolution expressing its appreciation for the generosity of Jane Power Tobin for dedicating to the state of Montana the Power-Tobin mansion in Helena, to be used as a residence for the Governor or the Lieutenant Governor. The dedication is subject to the provision by public subscription of adequate funds for the renovation and maintenance of the mansion. The Commission also endorsed the concept of acquiring the Power-Tobin mansion for the state of Montana; and strongly recommended that the citizens and friends of the state of Montana join in a broad campaign to generate the necessary funding for the mansion project.

Commission members expressed disappointment that although the Centennial is growing, the sale of Centennial license plates is not doing well at all. Methods for increasing the license plates sales were discussed at great length.

Doug Giebel presented to the Commission new radio ads and television public service announcements. The radio ads are narrated by Governor Stephens and Centennial Director, Leo Ellingson. These television spots have already been released around the state, and the radio spots will be released as soon as they are re-edited and copied.

Ellingson reported that he, Brian Patrick, and Doug Giebel recently attended trade shows in Billings and Missoula. They handed out 4000 catalogs in Billings and 2000 in Missoula, as well as numerous calendars.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Amazed and delighted are my feelings towards the way the people in Montana are responding to the Centennial year. From the smallest community to the largest, civic spirited people are giving tirelessly of their time and talent to make the Centennial a success.

Untold hours are being spent on local projects and events. Whether these things are in preparation for a celebration, improving something in the community or gathering community history, or some other project, they all take time and talent and require dedication and self sacrifice. We at the state office realize you cannot improve your community without also improving the state of Montana. We also know that too often these sacrifices go without notice or recognition. There's an old saying, you never miss the water until the well runs dry.

Yes, Montana is the land of shining mountains, the glory of the West. Our scenic attractions are unsurpassed world wide, but even more important to Montana are the sterling people of integrity and civic spirit who live in the Treasure State.

Allen C. Kolstad

Lt. Governor Allen C. Kolstad
Chairman, Centennial Commission

Centennial License Plates

Montana Centennial License Plates are available at the office of the county treasurer in each of the 56 Montana counties. People who have already purchased their regular 1989 license plates can still get their Centennial plates. The cost is \$19.89, plus a \$3 handling charge.

EDITOR'S NOTE

It is our hope for the next few months, to publish the *Montana '89er* on a monthly basis. In order to do this, we will need copy from all over Montana concerning sanctioned Centennial events and projects. Well-written, brief stories will be appreciated. High quality black and white photographs will also be welcome. Of course, we must reserve the right to edit according to space limitations.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

May is the month when Montana's Centennial celebration shifts into high gear, as communities and organizations across the state begin their celebrations in earnest.

This will be a great spring and summer from a Centennial point of view. We have more than 1000 officially sanctioned events, projects, and commemorative products, and there is something Centennial for everyone, regardless of age or taste.

We have pow-wows, rodeos, reunions, scholarly lectures, historical video productions, wagon trains, balls, parades, and dozens of publications ranging from the very well received Montana anthology, *The Last Best Place*, to local oral histories.

Hospitals are using the Centennial logo on birth certificates. Schools are using it on diplomas and participating in our Centennial essay contest and other programs. A chapel in Red Lodge is performing Official Centennial weddings. The Century Citizens program honors Montana's 100-year-old citizens. We even received an application from the Montana Coroner's Association to use the logo on their 1989 convention program.

The only thing we're disappointed with is the lack of money. The Centennial depends almost completely on the revenues from Centennial license plates, but sales have been averaging only 4.8 percent of registered vehicles. Obviously, without this revenue, we will not be making Centennial grants.

Probably the most important Centennial cultural event during May is the opening of the William A. Clark Collection at the Yellowstone Art Center in Billings, to be shown May 6 through July 30. This will be the first time ever that the Collection, assembled by Montana's legendary Senator and Copper King, William Andrew Clark, has been displayed in the state.

Donna Forbes, Yellowstone Art Center Director, negotiated with the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. for 11 years for the loan of the collection. Said Forbes, "The Collection is priceless and represents a unique loan to the state for the Centennial. It's never been seen by the people of Montana."

In Circle, Montana, the Centennial focus is on children. The Kid's Day Centennial Parade on Saturday, May 13, will feature wheelbarrow races, games, track events, and an egg throwing contest. Children from neighboring towns will participate, and there will be awards and ribbons for "almost everybody," according to Orville M. Quick, one of the event's organizers. "If you think this is something, just wait until we have our Fourth of July celebration," said Quick. For more information, please call 485-2414.

The Sweetgrass Society, Northern Montana College's Native American organization, will have its pow-wow and Miss Native American Pageant on May 5-6
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CENTENNIAL JUMP ROPE RENDEZVOUS

Jump Rope Demonstration Teams were ushered into Helena on March 1, 1989, with a big snowstorm and temperatures below zero. Several teams drove, coming from all four directions, some from distances as far as 600 miles. Of course, the teams from Alaska, New Hampshire, Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico all arrived by air. The jumpers from the southwest U.S. immediately ran out for hands full of snow, squealed, came back into the airport lobby and exclaimed, "Oh, it's cold!"

The next three days were spent sharing jumping skills, making new

friends, giving school assemblies, experiencing Montana, providing an all-comers workshop, promoting Jump Rope for Heart, and rehearsing for the big show. All teams were in action for the *Jump Rope Extravaganza*, a public performance done for a packed house at the Capital High gym.

The Hot Dogs USA, from Kirkland, Washington, who are the five-time International Jump Rope Championship Team, served as the coordinating and teaching team for the Rendezvous. It was wonderful to see the teams all working together and it was rewarding

to watch the enthusiasm and increase in skill level.

In all, eight states and four Canadian provinces were represented at the Rendezvous, including four teams from Montana. Thank you Bob Melson and the Hot Dogs USA, coaches, jump rope teams, and Montana Heart coordinators Greg Newman and Tito Beltran, MAHPERD coordinators Jeri Domme and Emilee DeKam, and all the support people who made the event possible. Montana Centennial Rendezvous was a Jump Rope success.

Jeri Domme, left, president of the Montana Association for Health and Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, and Pam Honnold, the in-coming Jump Rope for Heart coordinator from Havre, hold a Centennial flag at the Montana Centennial Rendezvous.



MONTANA IN 2089: School Essay Contest Theme

The Montana Statehood Centennial Commission and Office has invited schools to participate in the Centennial School Essay Contest.

The purpose of the Centennial School Essay Contest is to involve all of the elementary school students in all of Montana's school districts in the celebration of our Statehood Centennial.

The program is simple: the students will be asked to write an essay, "Montana in the Year 2089." The lesson plan used by the teacher to lead into the essay is designed to provoke imaginative responses from the students, and requires almost no preparation by the teacher. The children will be asked, "What was it like to live in Montana 100 years ago?" and a classroom discussion of what day-to-day life was like in 1889 will follow. The teacher then asks, "Do you think that the people of 100 years ago could have imagined what life would be like today?" After discussion of the changes brought about by a

century of technological and social revolutions, the teacher asks, "What do you think it will be like to live in Montana 100 years from now?" and after some discussion, asks the students to write an essay.

Each school will pick a winning, or most representative essay from two divisions, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8. The judging process is entirely up to the school. The winning division essays will be sent to the Centennial Office where a most representative essay will be selected from each division by a panel of distinguished, celebrity judges, assembled just for this purpose.

We would also enjoy seeing any essays, division winners or not, which show particular creativity, imagination, or humor.

All the winning essays sent in from the schools will be placed in the time capsule which will be buried on the Capitol grounds during the November 8, 1989 Statehood Day celebration.

The division winners selected by the judging panel will be invited to the State Capitol, along with their parents, and will be asked to read their essays as part of the ceremonies. Students, and parents of students, having an essay in the time capsule will also be asked to attend the ceremonies.

Schools may submit their essays to the Centennial Office at any time up to October 6, 1989. The decision of the judging panel will be announced on October 16, 1989.

Students in grades K-2, or students who are unable to write an essay, can participate by making and sending a birthday card to the State of Montana. Cards sent by the schools to "Happy Birthday, Montana," c/o the Centennial Office, will be included in the State Centennial Archives.

For more information, please contact the Centennial Office.

Centennial Momentum, continued

Ellingson also reported that he and Brian Patrick had met with the State Lottery staff. They are attempting to design a Centennial Lottery promotion that would culminate on November 8, Statehood Day, possibly with live TV coverage from the Centennial Ball. The idea would be to have a very large jackpot, and create several instant millionaires, along with awarding 100 other prizes. The lottery staff is working out the details.

The Centennial float is being built by Bob Peterson from Brady. It will be very mobile and will be able to be assembled and disassembled very quickly. Doug Giebel described the physical aspects of the float to the Commission. He stated that it would be large enough to accommodate groups of people, bands, etc. The main concern is to involve the community. The float will be available to communities on a first-come, first-served basis.

Doug Giebel stated that he is assembling a Centennial brochure which will list Centennial events and information.

FROM THE DIRECTOR, continued

in Havre. The Society is raising funds for the event through sales of Centennial products, according to Art Dolman, Humanities professor at the College. For information on this event, please call Northern Montana College at 265-3700.

Flathead Valley Community College continues its tradition of entertaining and scholarly lectures with Professor Bill Rossiter's "Going Out West to See the Elephant," at 7 p.m. May 4, in Kalispell.

The lecture is actually both a musical presentation and a historical monologue of the illusions and disillusion of Western settlers. Rossiter, an expert in folk music with ten years of professional performing experience, will play and comment on songs of the Western migration. These songs, according to Rossiter, show the vigor of "the public relations campaign" which developed our popular notions of the West as a land of golden opportunity.

Leo D. Ellingson

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Centennial Relay to Cross Montana

A Centennial relay, the Lewis and Clark Run Across Montana, will begin on June 9th, east of Wibaux, and is scheduled to end June 18 at Lolo. This east-west run is 590 miles long.

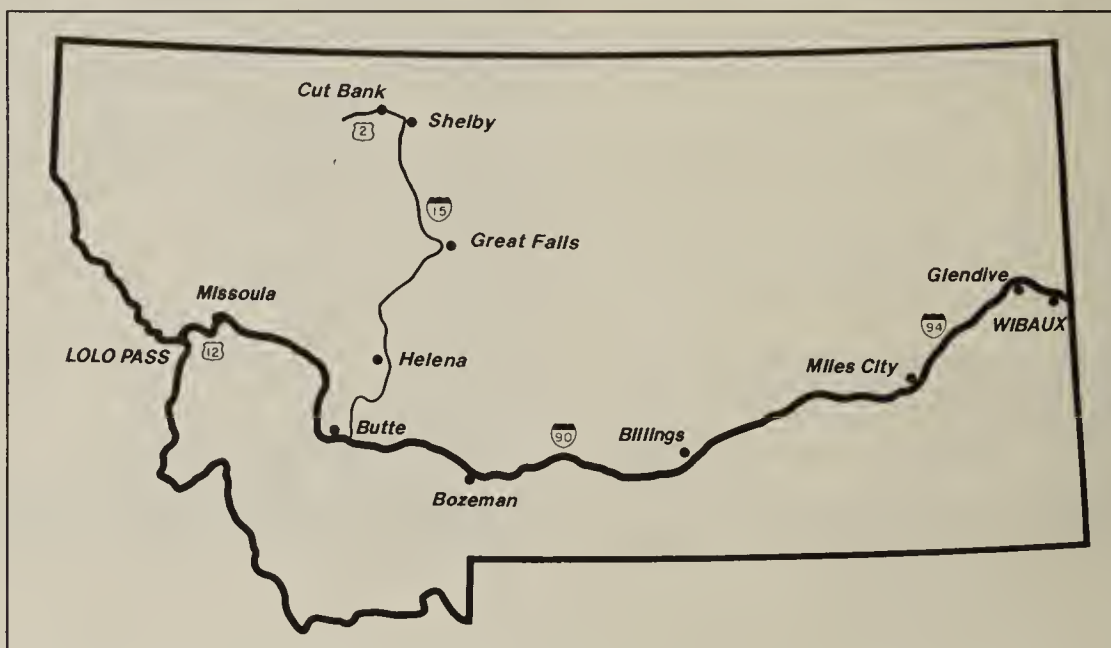
Evening activities emphasizing the Centennial and the Lewis and Clark Expedition will be held at three places along the route.

Starting east of Wibaux, the route will follow Highway 94 to Billings, then follow Interstate 90 through Bozeman, Butte, and Missoula to Lolo Pass. A northern branch will start west of Cut Bank and join the others at Butte.

Local runners are encouraged to take part. A support team will be available to insure the safety of the runners.

Committee members are Ella Mae Howard, Shirley Weaver and Stuart White, all of Great Falls.

The United States flag was first displayed in Montana by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805-1806. They had the flag called the "Star Spangled Banner" which had 15 stars and 15 stripes. According to their journals, Lewis and Clark frequently flew the flag over their camp sites. Runners will be carrying a "Star Spangled Banner", as well as the current United States flag.



RELAY ROUTE. The Montana Centennial Lewis and Clark Relay will follow the route shown above: starting east of Wibaux and ending at Lolo Pass. The runners will start June 9. A northern branch will start west of Cut Bank and join the others at Butte.

map: Montana Highway Dept.



Lewis & Clark Run Across Montana Committee with the "Star Spangled Banner".
l to r Bob Stingley, Shirley Weaver, Ella Mae Howard, Stuart White



Portrait of Senator William Clark, c. 1915 by William Merritt Chase (1849-1916) oil on canvas. One of the paintings in "The William A. Clark Collection: Treasures of a Copper King" to be at the Yellowstone Art Center in Billings and The Montana Historical Society in Helena.

The William A. Clark Collection: Treasures of a Copper King

"The William Andrews Clark Collection: Treasures of a Copper King" will be exhibited at the Yellowstone Art Center in Billings, May 6 to July 30, and at the Montana Historical Society, Helena, August 15 to October 7, 1989.

One of Montana's three famed "Copper Kings", Senator Clark amassed a fortune from Butte's copper mines. His art collection, which was assembled in New York and Europe, was bequeathed to the Corcoran Gallery of Art in 1925, and has never been accessible to the people of Montana. Director Donna Forbes of the Yellowstone Art Center began negotiations for this important loan from the Corcoran Gallery in 1978.

Composed of works ranging from the eighth century B.C. to the early twentieth century, the collection contains paintings, drawings, and sculpture, as well as laces, rugs, tapestries, stained glass, ceramics, furniture, and antiquities. Its diversity reflects not only Senator Clark's varied tastes, but the tastes of an era which saw the formation of many great private collections in this country. The former Curator of Collections at the Corcoran, Dr. Edward J. Nygren, carefully chose outstanding works from various periods and has included important paintings by a number of masters.

The Clark Collection is especially strong in 16th century Dutch paintings, works of the Barbizon painters, and Renaissance Italian Maiolica. The sixty-five representative works will include paintings by Titian, Reynolds, Gainsborough, Turner, Inness, Degas, Corot, and others; drawings; ceramics; and antiquities. A major catalog of the collection will be published by the Yellowstone Art Center, with an introduction by Lewis Hall, William Clark's grandson.

Not Many Have Been to Gopher

Remember in the March/April issue of the '89er the question, "Ever been to Gopher?" Following was a list of 20 Montana places found on a 1936 map of Montana. The '89er promised to publish the name of the first person correctly linking town to county according to 1989 boundaries.

It would seem at this time that nobody got them all correct, although several people came close.

Don and Esther Finlayson of Conrad got 13 of the 20 correct. Helen Ruggles of Raymond had 11 correct. Congratulations to both of you.

Following is the correct list according to the information furnished to the '89er.

1. Gopher-Rosebud
2. Tueson-Sanders
3. Ynot-Hill
4. Quietus-Powder River
5. Korner-Glacier
6. Cabin City-Mineral
7. Beehive-Stillwater
8. Spion Kop-Judith Basin
9. Sollid-Toole
10. Fattig-Musselshell
11. Hazny-Valley
12. Gettysburg-Richland
13. Ismay-Custer
14. Wywo-Beaverhead
15. Iron Rod-Madison
16. Elloam-Blaine
17. Rattlesnake-Blaine
18. Twete-Blaine
19. Truly-Cascade
20. Hopsonville-Rosebud

COMMUNITY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

BUTTE • Butte Celebrations intends to celebrate the Montana Centennial in a fashion never seen before in the Mining City. Events will begin with a Centennial Picnic beginning at 12 noon, Monday, July 3rd at Stodden Park on the south edge of the community. The picnic will feature a startling performance by the skydiving group, the Skyhawks, who will parachute into the surrounding area. Also, there will be carnival acts and games to satisfy all.

That evening promises to offer the most spectacular display of fireworks ever seen in the Mining City. At dusk the fireworks will begin pouring from Butte's "Big M". Up until that time, the folks will be serenaded by the famous All American Boy's Choir at Chester Steele Park. During this performance the crowd will also see more displays by the Skyhawks near the park area.

Butte's fabulous Independence Day Parade will begin at 10 am on Tuesday, the 4th of July. This year's parade promises to be bigger and better than ever. For example, a 400 piece Lutheran Band from Minnesota will make an appearance. The Parade will be led by the famous Butte High Band and Purple B's. There will be many lavishly decorated floats, along with marching groups from all over the state. The official Montana Centennial float will be a part of the parade.

All are invited to participate in the spectacular Centennial events. For further information, please contact Neil J. Lynch at 494-4190 in Butte or at 3561 Hartford Ave.

EAST HELENA • The East Helena Centennial Committee is planning a Fourth of July celebration with emphasis on the Centennial. July 4th will be a Fun Day at Kennedy Park, with events starting at 12 noon. There will be a variety of games and vendors.

Starting at dusk, there will be a fireworks display at the Smelter in East Helena.

The Committee is also planning a Centennial Auction at the Civic Center Ballroom on October 7

THE FLATHEAD • The Flathead Centennial Committee suggests two ways for the Flathead to celebrate Montana's Centennial this year. First, there will be a valley-wide 10 day celebration, July 21-30 as "The Flathead Celebrates Montana's Centennial." Centennial Committee Chairperson, Rev. Randall M. Nicolai said, "This is a natural for the Flathead. Summer is a time of tourism and recreation and there are annual events already in place during those 10 days." Nicolai cited the Flathead Festival of the Rockies, the Whitefish Lake Regatta, Heritage Days in Columbia Falls, Hockaday Art in the Park in Kalispell, and the Polson Cherry Festival. Bigfork Summer Playhouse is in full swing, and there will be a Glacier International Centennial Air Show on Sunday, July 30. "We are hoping to have a good time in the Flathead—for those of us who live here and for our visitors."

The second way to participate is to use the monthly themes as suggested by the Centennial Committee under the title "100 Years of...": March—Worship; April—Ethnic Influence; May—Recreation; June—Business; July—The Arts; August—Community Service; September—Work;

October—Education; November—History; December—100 Years into the Future. The Centennial Committee encourages community businesses, organizations, groups, and area events to consider participating in Montana's Centennial Celebration.

Other Centennial Committee members are Barbara Parker of Columbia Falls, David Sommer of Whitefish, Jocelyn Dodge of the Lone Pine Visitor's Center, and Nick Haren of Kalispell. The Committee itself does not sponsor events or products and is not involved with advertising, licensing, or giving grants. For more information, contact your local Chamber of Commerce.

GLACIER PARK • With its fabulous scenery and many facilities for fishing, hiking, and other outdoor pursuits, Glacier Park has long been a favorite place for Montanans to spend a weekend. And for those spending the weekend of June 3rd and 4th this year, there will be an exciting extra—"Centennial at the Park."

The Glacier Park Women's Club is sponsoring the celebration, which will have a parade, booths with food, crafts and games, and a street dance in the evening. There will be contests for beards, quilts, and costumes. The rhythm of the drums will be heard as the Blackfeet Indians add their colorful dancing to the excitement. The Glacier Park Lodge golf course will be the scene of a golf tournament. With all these activities, plus the background of some of the most majestic scenery in the world, there will surely be something of interest for everyone who attends.

Begun as a small ranching and railroad community, East Glacier Park, the scene of the centennial celebration, really came into its own with the establishment of Glacier National Park. A building boom in the early 1900's saw the erection of the unique Glacier Park Lodge, as well as several stores and restaurants, some of which are still in existence today. These add to the charm of the town, which, though it prides itself on the quantity and quality of its tourist facilities, still retains an old-fashioned friendliness of a type rarely seen today.

GLENDIVE • "Centennial events are really starting to roll in this part of the state" according to Rita Edwards of Glendive. The events are sponsored by the Glendive Chamber '89ers.

Rita included a list of 12 Centennial events scheduled in the coming months, starting with a Montana Logging and Ballet performance on June 2, and ending with a melodrama, to benefit the Hospital Foundation on November 10 and 11.

Also scheduled are events like a Frontier Gateway Museum 25th Anniversary party and cannon dedication; regional volleyball and bowling competition; migrant appreciation day, and more.

June 22-25 will be All American Days at Glendive featuring kids' fun, a rodeo, wagon train and chuck wagon feed with entertainment; a gun, agate, and antique show. There will be a parade, draft horse show, talent show, dance, old timers rodeo and bullfighting contest.

COMMUNITY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

JUDITH BASIN • The Judith Basin is very busy with Centennial events. A school celebration is already history, and other activities are underway, according to Barbara M. Holzer, a member of the Judith Basin County Centennial Committee.

On May 6th, the Judith Basin County Extension office, with help from the state office, pruned and cleaned out the trees on the fairgrounds. They will plant new trees donated by the SCS and local people.

A committee is preparing a map of the homesteads in the county. The map will be on display on July 2nd. A replica of an old-fashioned Main Street will be erected for that special day.

A senior student of Montana State University has produced a video of the area, and it will be used to advertise the calf branding and the day's activities.

Some of the many items for sale in the office are: '89 brand earrings (very attractive); mugs and t-shirts with the Centennial logo; Centennial poster of an old-fashioned branding; Country Cookbooks by St. Cyril's of Geyser parish; and C. M. Russell engraved mirrors.

A committee is working with Lewistown, Burlington Northern, and Central Montana Railroad to have a special train for pleasure trips throughout the area, sometime this Centennial year.

A full day of activities is planned for Sunday, July 2, beginning with a sunrise church service followed by a breakfast at the fairgrounds. An old-fashioned roundup will follow, plus a display of how things were done a century ago. There will be a pioneer fashion show and a display of antique cars. These are just a few of the Centennial events planned for the Judith Basin area.

LIBERTY COUNTY • Liberty County Centennial Committee has been meeting and working on projects for a year, but for now, the main item on the agenda is a celebration in Chester the weekend before Independence Day.

Festivities will start Friday, June 30th with a presentation of "Clamity Jane" by Glenda Bell of Billings. On Saturday, July 1st there will be a tent raising. This large tent will house many booths for the celebration.

There will be a fun run, community breakfast, parade, games, balloons, displays, music, contests and lots of good old-fashioned visiting.

There will be demonstrations of bread and soap making, rug weaving, quilting, saddlery, butter making, farrier skills, and trapping.

There will be several dances, including a street dance, weather permitting.

On Sunday, July 2nd, there will be a community-wide interdenominational worship service in the sports complex, followed by a barbeque and pie and ice cream social.

MONDAK '89ERS • The MonDak '89ers is a group of people from various groups and organizations in the Montana-North Dakota area, who got together to commemorate the states' centennials.

According to Karen Boehler, chairperson from Sidney, monthly events have been going on since the kick-off on November 8, 1988. A big celebration is planned for June 23-25, in Sidney, celebrating 100 years of statehood for Montana and North Dakota.

A giant parade in the morning of Saturday, June 24, will be followed by a short ceremony at the courthouse to commemorate Richland County's 75th birthday. A huge cake in the shape of the two states, with the counties shown as they were in 1889, will be ready for tasting at 1:30 in Central Park.

There will be lots of entertainment for young and old, including a puppet show, panning for gold, an obstacle course race, archery, face painting, wood carpentry, and more.

On stage will be local artists, musicians, dancers, and living history displays. Centennial book projects will be on sale.

There will be a barbeque, gaslight theater, and a blues/jazz concert in the park.

On Sunday there will be a nondenominational church service at Central Park. There will be a Sunday afternoon tea.

In addition, there will be events scheduled in Lambert and Fairview.

POWER • An all-school Centennial Reunion is scheduled for June 23-25 in Power. On Friday evening, June 23 there will be a no-host barbeque, pep rally, sock hop, and class meetings.

On Saturday there will be a no-host breakfast, a parade at 11:30, followed by games and contests. The contests will include events like a beard and period attire contest. There will be food concessions and a pre-registered banquet at 6:30. Later there will be two dances.

Sunday morning is set aside as a spiritual hour.

A 400-page history of the area and Power schools is being prepared and will be available in a limited edition. T-shirts and hats will be available.

St. REGIS • Nationally the 1890s were a curious mixture of exaggerated Victorian manners and morals on a personal level, and an absence of those attributes in business. Many a wealthy industrialist reflected the attitude of Commodore Vanderbilt who once said, "What do I care about the law! Hain't I got the power?" Some of our early Montana industrialists reflected that philosophy.

Montana was ripe for plucking with its rich bounties of forest, minerals, land, and animals. With water for power, the railroads for transportation, and technological advances in tools and machinery, rapid inroads were made in our touted resources. By the turn of the

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century, it had become apparent to many that some conservation was needed.

Many communities played a waiting game; waiting for the railroad, the mill, the factory or whatever would turn them into a progressive, growing town. Boomtowns came and went, but a solid core of "townmakers" managed to build the schools, the stores, the entertainment halls, and the churches. St. Regis was that kind of town, just beginning in 1897 with its mill and railroad.

Montanans were confident, at times arrogant, ingenious and at all times determined to make a living in their chosen state. They took pride in their statehood, responding quickly to a call for troops for our war with Spain. (Some probably agreed with Hearst who said the "mere appearance" of our troops would end the war.)

Trouble was brewing, however, as the gap between the rich and the poor widened with decreasing chance for the poor to close the gap. Union activity was beginning; management was resistant and confrontation was inevitable.

Meanwhile, the women dressed in long skirts, the men in suits and derbies, the songs were simple melodies of romance or home, touring companies of Shakespearean actors regularly appeared in larger towns, small towns had card games, races and picnics and life proceeded at a slowly paced, simpler rate.

The above article was clipped from "The Centennial Salute," a Centennial newsletter project of the "Townmakers" of St. Regis, edited by Shirley Anderson. The "Centennial Salute" masthead says: "Towns are made, not born! Made of people who change the geography, make the events and fashion philosophy. This monthly newsletter salutes the "townmakers" of St. Regis of the past 100 years."

The Centennial newsletter is not the only Centennial project. Other activities planned by the people of St. Regis are a men's invitational Firecracker Classic softball game; a Mullan Relay run, boat, horse, and bike race; a kid's fishing derby; and a Centennial dedication of the St. Regis Community Park and Mullan Square. All these events will take place during the Independence Day celebration.

LEWISTOWN & GREAT FALLS • Lewistown and Great Falls have scheduled the Lee Tung-Hwa Chinese Acrobatic Troupe to perform the first week in June as a part of the Montana Centennial observation in those two communities. The performance in Great Falls will be in the Civic Center at 7:30 p.m., June 6. The performance in Lewistown will be June 5, sponsored by the Lewistown Rotary Club.

Mary Smith, office manager of the Cascade County '89ers, who is in charge of the preparations in Great Falls, said the program sounds exciting. Craig Buehlener has been making the preparations in Lewistown.

The Lee Tung-Hwa Chinese Acrobatic Troupe, which consists of 15 performers and 2 administrators, has performed in 150 countries and has received a number of awards

from government leaders. In the United States they have performed in 24 big cities in 17 states.

The performance of Chinese acrobatics is an exceptional wonder which may be called superhuman just because it has been developed from the Chinese culture over a long period. It is said that Chinese boxing was well developed as early as the Han and Tang Dynasties—about 200 B.C. The acrobatic techniques were especially appreciated by the people, according to documentary records.

Included in the performance are such things as the Chinese Carnival, in which the acrobats fly around the stage on the strength of muscles and nerves developed to what seems an almost super-human degree. In acrobatic flag waving, the acrobats tumble in mid-air as a large flag is waved under them in a feat of precision timing that seems almost impossible. Who would think it possible to have eight people on a bicycle?

Have you ever seen a pagoda resting on four beer bottles on a table with an acrobat on top? There is no safety wire around the acrobats waist nor a safety net underneath. Any slip of his hand from the precarious pagoda would be fatal.

These are just a few of the acts that those attending this Centennial event in Great Falls and Lewistown will be seeing.

Lewistown Rotary Club is planning a reception and gift exchange for the members of the troupe following the performance.

YELLOWSTONE '89ERS SPONSOR INTERGENERATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Yellowstone '89ers, the Yellowstone County affiliate of the Montana Statehood Centennial Commission, is sponsoring an intergenerational conference in Billings on Saturday, May 6th, at the Billings Community Center, 360 North 23rd Street, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Conference is called BRIDGEBUILDING, and it is used to promote mutual understanding between teenagers and senior citizens. And at a time in history when we are celebrating the past and looking with hope to the future, it's especially appropriate that we try to bridge the gap between generations. The conference also helps to debunk myths and stereotypes, and provides opportunities for continued cooperation and interaction within the community.

During the four-and-a-half hours of the workshop, participants are encouraged to voice their sentiments about being a teenager or being a senior citizen. A slide lecture then helps both generations discover the hidden realities of being old and being young in America today.

Dividing up into smaller groups, the participants do an exercise entitled "Lost at Sea," and discover that they have the ability to accomplish more together than they can separately. Then, in a second small group exercise, the participants use their creative thinking and problem solving skills to answer THE CHALLENGE: "Find enjoyable ways that younger people and older people can help each other in the community."

The most popular answers to THE CHALLENGE are put in the form of QUESTS that can be worked upon by participants in the months following the workshop. This exercise

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ends with a call for CHAMPIONS to volunteer their leadership in pursuit of each QUEST. A sign-in sheet is circulated to encourage other BRIDGEBUILDERS to volunteer their time to assist the QUEST CHAMPIONS. Finally, a follow-up meeting of QUEST CHAMPIONS is scheduled to encourage continuing intergenerational activity.

The Statehood Centennial is a wonderful opportunity to make a commitment to building a bridge between the old and the new, the past and the future, between senior citizens and teenagers.

The Yellowstone '89ers, the official local affiliate of the Montana Statehood Centennial Commission, is sponsoring the first workshop with the assistance of the Billings Kiwanis Club and the Yellowstone Kiwanis Club. The man who developed the BRIDGEBUILDING concept is coming in from New Jersey to conduct the first conference in Billings on May 6th. He will also be training three individuals how to conduct future conferences in Montana.

Other groups are encouraged to consider sponsoring a workshop, too, for the following reasons:

1. It can be implemented within the time frame we have left to celebrate the Centennial.
2. It is an appropriate project for our Statehood Centennial.
3. It is highly visible project that can only help the image of a sponsor in any Montana community.
4. It gets teenagers and senior citizens working together on a project of value. It has long-term residual benefits to the community that produces a conference.

GARFIELD COUNTY PONY EXPRESS

The long-forgotten Montana Pony Express was established as a mail route between St. Paul, Minnesota and Helena, Montana in 1867. It is not known that it actually traveled through Garfield County, but it did stop at the mouth of the Mussellshell River at Fort Hawley. The Garfield County Pony Express is meant to commemorate the many Post Offices that were once in the county, and to provide a fun way of getting many of the residents of the county involved in a Centennial event. They believe it is a unique project in that so many different postal sites, within the county, are joined for a special event.

Last fall the Garfield County Commercial Club held a contest for the design of a special cancellation. A drawing of a sheep wagon by Wayne Stanton, a Jordan 7th grader, was the winning entry. The Club next commissioned a local western artist, Al Johnson, to draw up a cachet envelope. He did a drawing of the old Jordan Post Office, dated 1902. To commemorate each old Post Office site, Joe Dutton, Postmaster of Sand Springs, came up with the idea of an originating stamp. He designed the rubber hand stamps with interchangeable names to be applied as each rider left their respective sites. So, they have a cachet envelope with an originating stamp carrying the Montana Centennial postage stamp, to be cancelled by the special cancellation at a Centennial Station in Jordan on June 15.

There are a possible 58 in-county origins with such names as "Purewater," "Bright Star," "Freedom," and "Trouble". They expect to have over a hundred riders, male

and female, of all ages. At some sites, the ride may start with a breakfast for the riders; they will end with a potluck supper in the park following the day's events. There are a few rules, but the main one is to "Have Fun."

FIVE OUT-OF-STATE CENTENNIAL EVENTS

There will be at least five Montana Centennial celebrations held outside the state of Montana, and there may be many more.

There will be a Montana picnic in Central Park of New York City, Sunday, June 4. Doug Giebel, public affairs manager of the Centennial Office is in charge of the preparations.

Montana food will be served to former Montana residents who gather in the Park from Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and other New England states. Some Montana entertainment is planned. Centennial information and material will be distributed, and those who attend will be invited to attend the Centennial in Montana.

Giebel reports he has had lots of response from people in these states when they hear about the picnic. Many of these people are homesick for Montana, he said.

A Montana Centennial Day will be observed by Montanans stationed at the Adak Naval Air Base in the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. There are about 75 Montanans at the base. Entertainment will consist of a dance featuring Montana music, prizes, and lots of nostalgia and reminiscing about home. It is being called a "Montana Bash." Centennial literature and Montana flags will be distributed.

Swift Current, Saskatchewan will hold a Montana Day in mid-May. They will raise the Montana flag, and there will be a parade. Swift Current has also been invited to enter a float in the official Montana Centennial parade in Great Falls on July 22.

The Montana State Society is planning a history of Montana State Society in Washington, D.C. as a Centennial project. The Society generally tries to have four events each year. This year the Society is pursuing the possibility of a round-trip charter flight by Society members to Montana sometime during 1989.

There is also a Montana Centennial observance planned in Michigan, but no details are available at this time.



A centennial sign by Orville M. Quick, coordinator of the McCone County Centennial '89ers.

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HELENA CENTENNIAL PAGEANT

The Helena Centennial Pageant to be held at the Civic Center on June 3rd at 8 p.m. and June 4th at 2:30 p.m. promises to be one of the most ambitious and outstanding musical comedy productions ever to take place in Helena. With four top bands and a cast of around 200 talented people, the fast-paced show will portray life in Helena in music, song, and dance from the 1800s to the present day.

The 1800s will begin with a beautiful Indian ceremony; then the Early Settlers, with lots of fiddlers, guitars and harmonicas and songs and a hoe-down. Then to the Gay Nineties with Barbershop singers, Can Can and Flor Dora Girls. Next to the Broadwater Plunge with a garden scene and a hilarious swimsuit number, and finally to two beautiful winter scenes. Part I takes place at the old skating rink on No. Main St., with skaters and carrolers and snow. Part II is a Christmas Party at the Power Tobin Mansion where the guests sing and waltz and play the piano. When all the guests leave, Mrs. Power's daughter, Jane Power (Tobin) falls asleep and the toys under the Christmas tree come alive and dance with dolls, a teddy bear and tiny acrobats. Children will love this act. Little Jane is awakened by her mother and taken to bed.

Part II of the show starts with the roaring 20s, then to the swing years, the 40s-50s with Elvis Presley and 60s with the Beach Boys. Then on to the New West with jazz and songs and dances and a surprise number by the Grand Street Theatre.

The last part of this act will be "Helena Sings", featuring the Boy Choir, Symphony Chorale, and a rousing finale with

the Presentation of Flags by the Montana National Guard with the entire cast and audience singing "Montana". More thrilling surprises finish the show.

No one in or out of Helena should miss this "Show of Shows", with Helena's finest musical talent: soloists, choral groups, musicians and dancers.

The Helena Big Band will present a 20 minute concert before the curtain rises. Some of Helena's finest singers will be soloists. The bands, in addition to Helena's Big Band, are the famous Dixieland Jazz Band, The Mid-Life Crisis Band, and The Helena Parlor Picking Band.

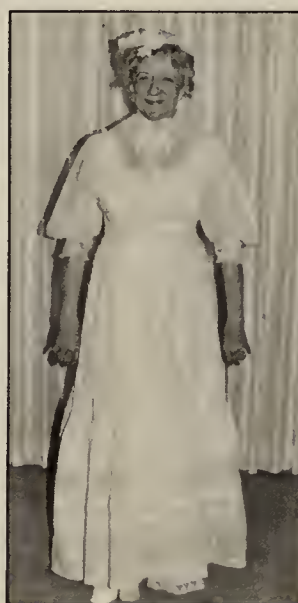
A large group of Helenans are now busy rehearsing, making costumes and painting scenery.

Tickets are on sale at the Second Story Cinema, and at Clark Music in the Hustad Center. Prices are \$12 for reserved seats in loges, \$8 arena and first tier, \$5 for upper tier and sides.

For more information, please call Blanche Judge at 442-4822 or Chase Patrick at 442-7562.

Please plan to attend, as all profits will go toward renovation of the Tobin Mansion, and patron donations and profits will be put into the 89er Centennial Tobin Fund at the Norwest Bank. Please send donations directly to the Norwest Bank at P.O. Box 597, Helena. Donor names will be listed on the Pageant Program.

If the Tobin Mansion Project should be dropped, all donors can withdraw their donations, or they can be left deposited as a donation towards a Lewis and Clark Museum in Helena, a project which is now being pursued.



1. Kitty Quigley Taalor, former Miss Big Sky Montana who wowed her audiences in cities from Helena to New York on the Centennial Train and entertained for the World's Fair, now making a great comeback.

2. Even the Raisins, 54 of them directly from California, will come to Helena to celebrate Montana's Centennial at the Pageant at the Civic Center.

3. Blanche Judge, Director of the Pageant, is wearing her mother's wedding gown. Her mother, the former Frances Reing whose father operated the first bakery and candy shop in Helena, taught in the Helena schools and was an accomplished vocalist and Helena entertainer. Frances' mother, Helen Reing, came to Helena in a stage coach at the age of three.

4. Part of a comedy group that will really crack up the audience in a Broadwater Plunge scene.

MONTANA CENTENNIAL BARBERSHOP CHORUS

In keeping with the Montana Centennial spirit, Montana Barbershop Harmony singers have recently moved to center stage.

Officially sanctioned, the Montana Centennial Barbershop Chorus (MCBC), is comprised of seventy members from all Montana Chapters of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA).

The MCBC was formed last November as a composite entertainment unit to further encourage and support Centennial events throughout Montana. To date, the chorus has appeared in support of local Chapter shows in Helena, Missoula, and Great Falls. They are scheduled to perform at shows in Lewistown, Bozeman, Billings, and Kalispell in April and May. In addition to barbershop shows, the MCBC has a number of shows currently scheduled throughout the year in several communities.

Their program is flexible and can adapt to fit a schedule of Centennial celebrations.. Packages ranging from one-half hour to two-hour shows fea-



Montana Centennial Barbershop Chorus

turing Montana's history in barbershop music are available. Chorus and quartets along with skits are featured.

Colorful western style uniforms, along with a western oriented program has gained the chorus popularity with a score of Montana audiences.

Inquiries for chorus performances should be made soon in order to insure bookings.

The members have donated their

personal time and travel expenses for the chorus. It is estimated that they have traveled an accumulated 157,000 miles for rehearsals and performances.

The success of MCBC has generated other ambitions: Plans are to extend the chorus activities beyond the Centennial year. A trip to Europe is being considered in 1990. Other appearances are scheduled in Idaho and Wyoming during their Centennial year.

CENTENNIAL TURNS TO CLASSIC GOLF

A very classy Centennial Golf Tournament is slated for the week-end of June 30th at Eagle Bend near Bigfork. Sponsored by the Montana Chamber of Commerce, the celebration will mix celebrities and corporation dignitaries from other states with Montana recreational golfers and former governors.

Celebrities Gene Cernin, Bobby Knight, Gil Brandt and Denver Pile are confirmed while other well-known film stars, golf pros and athletes will commit as schedules allow. Lt Governor Allen Kolstad has invited five other centennial states' governors to be hosted guests, bringing with them their best corporation teams. Looking toward enticing future investments in Montana, Kolstad and Governor Stan Stephens have personally issued invitations to twenty out-of-state CEO's to also participate as guests of the Classic.

Along with challenging rounds of golf in the shadow of Glacier Park's peaks, guests will be treated to an as-

sortment of social functions at Kalispell's Outlaw Inn.

Participants coming early for the event or wishing to extend their stay will have a variety of recreation opportunities suggested.

Prizes for this centennial event will be as spectacular as the majestic setting. Golf equipment, ranging from balls to bags, fishing tackle, and resort week-ends will be given away along with gifts from other hole and event sponsors. A lucky hole-in-one drive will be worth a new car or possibly a boat, and the talented golfer who hits closest to Par 3 will be the recipient of a round trip ticket to Hong Kong, provided by Big Sky and Northwest Airlines.

Team space for the Montana Chamber Centennial Golf Classic is sold out, but a few prizes, hole and event sponsor opportunities are still available. Inquiries for additional information should be directed to the Chamber at 442-2405.



Uriah Kirkegard won a centennial t-shirt at the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Circle Kiwanis Club. T-shirt donated by the McCone County Centennial '89ers.



This picture of an old rock building was sent by Mrs. Max Lennington of Lewistown. She said the building was built 125 years ago by one of the earliest ranchers in the Valley. It was made from large stones which were brought from the Snowy Mountains near Lewistown. The rock building is located three miles west of Harlowton by the Musselshell River. It was built right onto the ranch house and used as a cooler for milk and butter. It had a swinging shelf so the mice could not get to the food.

Mrs. Lennington says they still use the building, after adding a new roof and a concrete abutment.

The original stones are very large; horses and pulleys were used to get them in place. "One of my father's old shepherders told me he helped get the stones from Lewistown and helped build the structure," she said.



MONTANA INTERPRETATIONS X

The Butte chapter of the Montana Institute of the Arts will present Montana Interpretations X, a juried art show, as a sanctioned Centennial project. The show will be held June 2 to 30 at the historic Arts Chateau in Butte. Jurists will be Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines. There will be up to \$1000 in cash awards, according to Kathy Jean Daniel, chairperson.

The opening reception will be at 7:30 p.m. Fri., June 2.

Kathy Jean Daniel describes the show as a perfect forum for reminding Montanans what Montana has been, is and hopes to become. This is a well established art show which is advertised in major national art publications. The proceeds are used to promote the show and pay award money to artists in the show. The show is self-supporting.

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